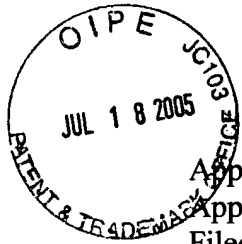


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**AMENDMENT**

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of January 14, 2005 and following the filing of a Notice of Appeal on March 17, 2005, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time extending the due date for filing a response following the Notice of Appeal to July 18, 2005 (the first business day following July 17, 2005), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are shown in a list that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.